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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR. FAZIO,
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JERRY CRAWFORD.4

~~ITEM NO: 001~~

, DATE: 5 DECEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: CHINESE PENETRATION OF SOUTH KOREAN AIRSPACE

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SOUTH KOREA THIS MORNING SCRAMBLED FIGHTERS IN REACTION
TO A SHALLOW PENETRATION OF ITS WESTERN AIR DEFENSE ZONE BY TWO
CHINESE TU-16 MEDIUM BOMBERS. THE AIR DEFENSE ZONE GENERALLY
EXTENDS ABOUT 100 MILES FROM THE SOUTH KOREAN LANDMASS.

BOMBERS HAVE CONDUCTED NUMEROUS TRAINING AND NAVIGATION FLIGHTS
OVER THE YELLOW SEA RECENTLY, AND MAY HAVE BRIEFLY PENETRATED
THE AIR DEFENSE ZONE LINE ON NOVEMBER 20. THE FOUR KOREAN

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FIGHTERS, TWO F-5'S AND TWO F-4'S, INTERCEPTED THE BOMBERS SHORTLY AFTER THEY DEPARTED THE KOREAN ZONE AND FLEW WITH THEM FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE RETURNING TO BASE.

THE PENETRATION BY THE CHINESE AIRCRAFT ALMOST CERTAINLY WAS ACCIDENTAL. TRAINING FLIGHTS OVER THE YELLOW SEA MAY BE MORE CLOSELY CONTROLLED IN THE FUTURE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE RAPID REACTION OF THE SOUTH KOREAN FIGHTERS. E-2 IMPDET.H

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